**Presentation of the Colors**

**"Troop Attention"**

* **Scouts stand at attention, straight, with hands at your sides, not crossed, not in your pockets.**
* **Color guard is at the rear of the room, with the flag bearers in order (American on Right, TX in center, Troop on Left)**

**"Color Guard, Forward March… Scout Salute"**

* **Salute begins as soon as the flags begin moving**
* **Color guard moves forward, the American flag crossing IN FRONT OF the troop flag at the front of the room.**
* **(Wait till the flag bearers are at the flag stands…)**

**"Color Guard, Halt! Post the Colors"**

* **Flag bearers place flags in their stands (American center, TX stage right, Troop stage left), steps back, and stand at attention. Flag bearers do not salute the flags.**

**"Please Join me in the pledge of allegiance"**

* **"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."**

**"Two"**

* **This command is for part “two” of the two-part salute**
* **Turn and face troop flag**

**"Please join me in the scout oath and law... Scout Sign"**

* **Say the Scout Oath and Law (or sometimes, the Law and Oath!)**

**"Color guard, re-form"**

* **Flag bearers return to front of the color guard, facing stage**

**"Color guard, about face"**

* **Entire color guard does about-face turn, to the right.**

**"Color guard, forward march"**

* **Color guard marches to rear of room**

**"Color Guard, Halt"**

**Remember!**

When marching, the American Flag goes on IT’S right, then TX, then Troop.

On stage, the American goes in the center, with the TX on IT’S right, the Troop on IT’S left.

**"Color Guard, At Ease"**

**"Troop at ease"**

**Closing Ceremony**

**"Troop attention!"**

* **Scouts stand at attention, straight, with hands at your sides, not crossed, not in your pockets.**
* **Color guard is at the rear of the room, with the flag bearers crossed from their final positions**

**"Color Guard, Forward March"**

* **Color guard marches forward to the flags**

**"Color Guard, Halt! Prepare to Retrieve the colors"**

* **Color guard halts at front of room, positions themselves in front of the flag they will retrieve.**

**" Retrieve the colors"**

**" Re-form"**

* **Color guard holds the flags, and arranges themselves facing the front of the room (away from the audience), with the American Flag to stage right (audience left), the Texas Flag in the center, and the Troop Flag to stage left (audience right).**

**"About Face"**

* **Color guard performs an ABOUT-FACE move, spinning to the RIGHT.**

**"Color Guard, Return to post … Scout Salute"**

* **Scout salute begins as soon as flags are removed**
* **Flag bearers march between rest of color guard, who turns to follow them to rear of room**
* **Flags DO NOT CROSS on retreat**

**"Color guard, halt"**

**“Two”**

**Remember!**

When marching, the American Flag goes on IT’S right, then TX, then Troop.

**"Color Guard, At Ease"**

**"Troop at ease"**